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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON JANUARY 10, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2005, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO 0512/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.